Non-utilisation of Air India Air-bus on Delhi-Moscow route

2366. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 861 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Air-India did not get the necessary warranties from the Air-bus manufacturers, particularly for Delhi-Mosco route as the Air-bus is not working satisfactorily on this route during winter months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the loss suffered by Air India so far as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Aircraft manufacturers do not give warranty for the aircraft on any particular route. Warranties are only for the maintainability and reliability of the systems. So far as A310-300 Airbus aircraft are concerned, their performance has been satisfactory. To ensure punctuality during winter months, flights to Moscow are operated with a technical halt at Sharjah and on the return journey, the flight operates directly from Moscow to Delhi without a technical halt.

(c) Operations by A310-300 on the Moscow route have not resulted in a loss.

Publication of Delhi Telephone directory by private parties

2367. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has planned a five-year contract for private parties for publishing telephone directories with rights to sell space for advertisement in the yellow pages of the directories for which they are supposed to supply the directories free of cost and also to pay a royalty to the Delhi Mahamagar Telephone Nigam Limited; and

(b) what has been Government's performance and experience in publishing directories for each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Publishing of telephone directories through award of comprehensive contract to private parties is being undertaken for the first time.

Sanskrit as computer language

2368. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission's Vice Chairman has said in a conference held at Bangalore on the 21st December, 1986 that Sanskrit has been discovered as an ideal computer language, therefore, scientists and scholars should conduct further research in this regard;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and steps being taken in this regard, and the results thereof; and

(c) names of Institutions and Scholars associated in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) While inaugurating a Conference on "Knowledge, representation and inference in Samskritam" sponsored by the Computer Society of India at Bangalore on December 19, 1986, the Vice-Chairman, UGC, pointed out that, according to some scientists, Sanskrit is found to be the ideal computer language; and he suggested that this deserved to be confirmed by further research.

(b) and (c) The Computer Scientists who were present at the Conference and are working in different institutions, would have taken note of the suggestion made by the Vice-Chairman, UGC. Facilities are available in many institutions established and funded by the Government to extend assistance to them in any further research they might wish to undertake on it.

Censorship of mail

2369. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mail is disappearing since the date Government have declared its intention to censor it and to dispose it in a manner the authority issuing the order may direct; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no legal provision for providing for censorship. However, the Government has powers under Section 26 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, to intercept postal articles for public good. On the occurrence of any public emergency, or in the interest of the public safety or transquility, the 'Central Government' or a 'State Government' or any officer specially authorised in this behalf (by the Central or the State Government), may, by order in writing, direct that any postal article or class or description of postal articles in course of transmission by post shall be intercepted or detained, or (shall be disposed of in such manner as the authority issuing the order may direct).

Waiting list for telephone in metropolitan Cities

2370. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants for telephone who are in the waiting list in each of the metropolitan cities as on date and by when their cases will be cleared in each city; and

(b) the progress made so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The waiting list in each of the metropolitian cities as on 31.1.1987 is as under:—

1. Bombay	2,04,263
2. Calcutta	36,212
3. Delhi	1,72,203
4. Madras	39,898